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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 34

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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY TO IDENTIFY ALL OF THE SUPERFUND SITES IN MONTANA AND TO STUDY THE IMPACTS OF SUPERFUND SITES ON COMMUNITIES DIRECTLY IMPACTED BY A SUPERFUND SITE.

WHEREAS, there are several communities around Montana that are affected by state and federal superfund sites; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the state and the communities to identify the unique issues and needs within these communities; and

WHEREAS, communities are directly affected by cleanup activities and the timeliness and completeness of these cleanup activities; and

WHEREAS, communities must live with problems associated with superfund sites and the effects on the communities' infrastructure, economy, and social well being; and

WHEREAS, a less than timely response to superfund-related concerns by those responsible for cleanup activities has a direct and immediate and often costly effect on the communities and their abilities to provide basic services for their citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is of great importance to provide options and assistance from programs, whether state or federal, to mitigate the economic, environmental, or social effects of the superfund designation within the communities of Montana.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

That the Legislative Council be requested to designate an appropriate interim committee, pursuant to section 5-5-217, MCA, or direct sufficient staff resources to:

(1) establish a comprehensive list of:

(a) the superfund sites located in Montana, including the date on which the site was listed, on the state or federal superfund list, a site description, the history, and contaminants associated with the site;

(b) the current status of cleanup efforts, what cleanup milestones have been reached, and how much liquid and solid-based media have been treated;

(c) the decision documents describing the chosen remedy for site remediation for each site in Montana; and

(d) the proposed timeframe for completing the cleanup efforts;

(2) identify alternatives that are available to communities when cleanup efforts are not timely and are having a direct impact on the community, including monetary, economic, and social impacts;

(3) provide a detailed summary of water, infrastructure, and economic development needs of the communities that are a direct or indirect result of the superfund listing or the presence of contaminants that resulted in the superfund listing;

(4) identify alternatives for education of citizens of the communities directly affected by the superfund listing as well as alternatives for providing education to citizens across Montana on the impacts of a superfund site to local communities and the state; and

(5) develop a process to improve communication between local, state, and federal governments when addressing superfund issues.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the study is assigned to staff, any findings or conclusions be presented to and reviewed by an appropriate committee designated by the Legislative Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all aspects of the study, including presentation and review requirements, be concluded prior to September 15, 2006.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the final results of the study, including any findings, conclusions, comments, or recommendations of the appropriate committee, be reported to the 60th Legislature.

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